The thing I love about Advent is the whole notion of expectant waiting. I am inspired by the beautiful, authentic examples of the waiting of Zechariah and Elizabeth. I long for the waiting of Mary, Simeon, and Anna. However, in a season of waiting, there is yet again another seductive call into endless activity.

In a world shattered by violence and destructive behavior, I wonder each Advent if we need to make more space for the practices of prayer, worship, fellowship, and generous stewardship. Through these practices, we become more and more like Mary: “We treasure the ways and means of the Good News of this season and ponder them in our hearts.” (Luke 2:19) We become more and more like the One who continues to bring peace to our lives and world.

I invite you to check out the ways in which we can together experience the peace of our Lord.

Grace,
Ray Jones
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